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A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

CALL FOR HELP

For Starving Fullbloods Responded to Most Nobly by Vinitans.

SUPPLY OF CORN

Was Purchased With The Funds Collected and the Good Work of Distributing Supplies was Inaugurated on Thursday Last.

Right nobly has Vinita responded to the call for aid, which has come out of the hills where, with all the heroic stoicism of their race, thousands of Indians are struggling with gaunt hunger.

The committee appointed at the business men's meeting on last Thursday to collect a relief fund, met with a most generous response to their efforts, and next morning two loads of corn in charge of Bob Title and John Britt, were dispatched on their mission of mercy.

The committee collected several hundred dollars the first day, and the work of collecting additional funds and distributing the necessary food supplies will be systematically continued.

The distribution of supplies will be conducted under the supervision of Sam Frazier, who will be assisted by several prominent fullbloods in searching out those destitute.

The purchasing of supplies will be under the direction of a committee composed of W. T. Wade and D. M. Marra.

The necessity of additional contributions is most apparent. It will be many dreary months before the fields of corn, on which the fullbloods depend almost entirely for food, will be ready for the harvest.

During those months they must be assisted or abandoned to the hideous tortures of starvation.

The extent of the suffering among the Indians in the hills, which has been questioned by some, has never as yet been adequately depicted, and never will be. The descriptions of their fearful condition have come from their white neighbors, who know that even the direst tortures of hunger cannot force a lament from them.

Within the bare walls of their cabins they face starvation without flinching. Disdaining to beg, they await the inevitable end to their sufferings with a fortitude unknown to another race.

Their cries for help would be heard and answered, yet they prefer to suffer and die, rather than to surrender in weakness, to their physical pains.

Those who know them, through living among them; who know their condition, state that their suffering is absolutely indescribable, and that unless assistance is continued through the winter they will find their relief in death.

This will necessitate the expenditure of a much larger amount than is now in the hands of the relief committee to relieve those who are dependent upon Vinita for assistance.

Let every one assist in some measure to carry this humane work through. The members of the committee are, J. O. Hall, chairman; Mayor Shanahan, W. P. Thompson, F. G. Cowan, W. T. Wade, L. W. Buffington and D. M. Marra.

The work of relieving the fullbloods is being pushed by the Relief committee, and on Friday last a car load of corn was ordered from Kansas City.

The Kary railroad generously offered a one-third rate on the car,

which will materially reduce the cost.

Reports brought in state that a number of the Indians, in their weakened condition, are falling victims to pneumonia.

They are poorly prepared, through lack of clothing, to withstand the cold weather, so the Relief committee last week appointed a Ladies Auxiliary committee to collect cast off clothing, which will be distributed among them.

The following ladies were named for the committee: Mrs. R. M. Swain, Mrs. L. W. Buffington, Mrs. W. M. Melleite, Mrs. W. L. Trott, and M. S. J. Burns.

Anyone who has any old clothing which they are willing to donate are requested to notify a member of the committee, or to leave it at John Swain's store-room.

The work of distributing the food supplies and clothing will be under the supervision of a special committee, and will go only to those destitute.

It is now estimated, that there are about 60 families in the greatest want, and they will be immediately relieved, as soon as the corn arrives.

Stories of heroic self sacrifice come from the scene of want with their additional touch of pathos.

But one, is the case of Mose Ridge, who though knowing what the end would be for himself and family, has slaughtered his entire herd of cattle and distributed the meat among the hungry ones.

Such heroic actions, have opened the doors of heretofore prosperous Indians to want, but as long as their supplies lasted, they shared it with their unfortunate brothers.

IS THIS SOPER'S?

Representative Scott Introduces Territory Bill in Congress.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Representative Scott, dividing the Indian territory into counties and providing for the establishment of county seats and the appointment of certain officials. It creates twenty-eight counties, to be known until otherwise designated by numbers from 1 up to 28. The county seats are to be selected by the court of appeals in the territory. The bill directs that there be appointed for each county by the judge of the district in which the counties are located, a recorder of deeds and a county judge and also a commissioner for the territory to be appointed by the president, to hold office for four years and be a member of the Dawes commission. A delegate to represent the territory in the house to be elected by the people, was also provided.

PERMIT TO SURVEY

For Electric Line Granted Indian Territory Traction Co.

The Indian Territory Traction company, composed of Chicago and South McAlester capitalists, has secured from the federal government a permit to survey for an electric railway from South McAlester to McAlester, Krebs, Alderson, Cherryvale, Hartshorne and Hallettsville. The line will be about forty miles in length, and will connect the principal coal and coke fields of the Indian territory. When completed 30,000 people will be connected with South McAlester. The survey is now being made, and the franchise given by South McAlester requires its completion within one year from March 2, 1902. This will be the first electric railway in the two territories.

New Territory Road.

The Denver, Kansas & Atlantic railway company was granted a territorial charter today to build a line having an estimated length of almost 1,426 miles. The capital stock is fixed at fifteen million dollars. The road will run from Denver, and from Anthony, Kas., to a junction near Marshall, Okla., and from there southeasterly to Oklahoma City, through the Seminole, Chickasaw and Choctaw nations to the junction of Boggy creek and Red river, thence to Paris, Texas. A branch line will run from Colgate, I. T., to South McAlester and Fort Smith, Ark. Another branch will extend from Stringtown, I. T., to Antlers, thence to Eagletown, I. T., Texas, Ark., and New Orleans, La. Another branch will extend from Marshall to Guthrie, Shawnee and Tecumseh, to a point where the main line crosses the South Canadian.

BITTER FIGHT

Will be Made by Statehood hood Advocates to Defeat Flynn Bill.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Expected to Endorse the Measure but the Partisans of Single Statehood Will Combat Its Passage in House and Senate.

While it is admitted by the advocates of single statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian territory that the house committee on territories will favorably report the Flynn bill February 21st, they maintain that the fight against the obnoxious measure will be continued to the end.

Mr. Flynn expresses confidence on the passage of his bill, which will annex the Indian territory by piece meal to Oklahoma as it is ready for statehood. It is charged by the advocates of single statehood that such a bill cannot pass and that the Oklahoma delegate knows it cannot pass. The fight between the conflicting interests in the two territories has grown so bitter that each will take its contention before the house, and, if defeated there, will introduce the matter again in the senate.

A new bill has been prepared for simultaneous introduction in the house and senate annexing the Indian territory to Oklahoma for governmental purposes, just as Greer county was added. The territory will be divided into counties, each of which will have a probate judge vested with both civil and criminal jurisdiction. Under this bill the laws enacted for Oklahoma instead of the laws of Arkansas, will be operative in the Indian territory.

There is no reason to doubt that had the people of Oklahoma and the Indian territory presented a solid front in demanding single statehood, an enabling act would have been passed at this session of congress. Not less than six statehood bills, each of which will command support, are pending.

Those republicans who do not want to admit New Mexico and Arizona for fear they will be democratic, and the democrats like Bailey, of Texas, who want a separate state for the Indian territory because it will be democratic, have, between them, disheartened all those who have sought to make three new states out of the territories.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Has Been Completed by Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Indian appropriation bill has been completed by the committee on Indian affairs and carries \$8,844,500.

The item for support of schools is \$2,472,920, for fulfilling treaty stipulations, \$2,102,157. The Dawes commission is reduced in membership from four to three, as its work will be completed in two years.

Before the bill was reported the committee added \$40,000 for an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis.

LAND SHARKS BUSY.

Interior Department Flooded with Complaints Against Illegal Leasing Schemes.

The epidemic of fraudulent land leasing schemes, has spread from Muskogee into Oklahoma.

This new swarm of land sharks are operating on the same lines, as did the Indian Land and Trust company of Muskogee, and the Interior department has been flooded with complaints, from bitter investors.

The long term leases of Creek lands is the bait used to allure the unwary home seeker.

The secretary of the interior is determined that the operation of these companies shall be stopped. The most recent complaint comes from Nebraska. Other complaints have been received from nearly every state in the Union. One of the companies which addressed a letter to the Nebraska man who writes the department uses stationary upon which appear the

names of well known men in the territory. It also gives a prominent St. Louis bank as a reference. This company claims to control 40,000 acres of land in the Creek country.

It is thought that the department will invoke the assistance of the postal authorities, in prosecuting the fraudulent operators, under the postal laws.

NO NECESSITY

For Intermarried Whites to Enter Suit, says Hitchcock.

The absence of any necessity for the institution of suits against the Cherokee nation by the intermarried whites, has been shown by Secretary Hitchcock in a communication to a congressional committee. In reply to an inquiry from the committee the secretary has reported against the passage of a bill which permits those who have intermarried into the Cherokee tribe of Indians to sue for a share in the tribal money and lands. His reasons for opposing the measure are that a competent tribunal for the adjudication of all claims under the five civilized tribes was created in the Dawes commission. That commission has gone forward with the work of enrollment, and nothing in the law prevents them from giving equal justice to this class of members of the tribe. He does not believe this commission should be interfered with in its work, nor does he believe there should be any legislation which will return these cases to the court, as most of them have already been passed upon by the proper tribunals.

RAILROAD BILL.

Granting General Right-of-Way to All Territory Roads Passes the Senate.

Upon motion of Senator Cockrell, the senate has passed the house bill granting right-of-way through Oklahoma and the Indian territory to the End and Anadarko railroad company. The bill was amended to include a general right-of-way to all railroads desiring it.

The measure, as amended, is of great importance to the two territories, as the St. Louis and San Francisco and Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railroads are understood to contemplate extensive building there in the near future.

A disastrous fire visited Comanche late Tuesday night, and before the flames could be controlled had caused a loss estimated as follows:

J. C. Massey building at \$5000, with no insurance; Kidd dry goods company, stock \$4000 to \$5,000, with \$2500 insurance; Attorney Carden, law office, loss \$250 no insurance; Ewing Telephone company, loss \$750, no insurance; Wilkerson & Wilkerson, law office loss estimated at \$600; insurance \$300; Baker & Bartlett, physicians loss \$500, no insurance; Attorney Perkins, law office, loss \$100, no insurance.

The Truth of It. "When a man denounces a newspaper as 'that rotten sheet,' he gives notice that he has been struck in a tender spot. Men who say they don't care what a newspaper says about them—that they would rather have its opposition than its support, as many of them do—are the first ones to quarrel and cry out 'rotten sheet.' When any man (no matter how high or low he is) says 'I don't care what the newspapers say,' he is a liar as well as a coward."—Kingfisher Press.

Tulsa Wants the Katy. In response to a request from the business men of Tulsa, Linton Williams, locating engineer of the M. K. & T. railroad, is in that town, in consultation with them, in regard to running the Wyback Guthrie extension of the road through the town.

The survey has proceeded 24 miles north as Coweta, twenty-five miles northwest of Muskogee, and the Tulsa hustlers are making a strong bid, to have it continued via their town.

To Enroll Fullbloods. The work of enrolling the fullbloods will be undertaken by the Dawes commission April 1st.

Detachments will be sent out, and stationed in the different towns nearest the fullblood territory, and every effort made to induce them to enroll before the time limit expires, July 1st.

Foley's Honey and Tar for children's use. No opiates.

SOPER'S EFFORT

To Deliver the Territory to His Henchmen Raises a Storm.

MANY REPUBLICANS

Denounce his Government Scheme as a Deliberate Attempt to Rob the People of any Voice in Their Government.

The plan for the government by appointment, of the Indian territory designed by Pliny Leland Soper, and introduced in congress by Representative Scott, of Kansas, has raised a storm of indignation throughout the territory. The opposition is in no way bounded by party lines, but is general amongst all citizens, who are opposed to a centralization of power in the associates and henchmen of Soper.

Many republicans are outspoken in their condemnation of the obnoxious measure, and as press dispatches further disclose the provisions of the scheme, the opposition increases.

The empowering of the court of appeals to name the county seats shows, in a measure, the trend of the whole scheme.

An already autocratic judiciary is reinforced and entrenched, and the voice of the people is most effectually gagged.

After naming the county seats the several judges are given the appointive power, each naming a recorder of deeds and a county judge for each county in his district.

There are to be twenty-eight counties divided among the federal judges.

A commissioner for the territory is provided for, to be appointed by the president for a term of four years. He will be a member of the Dawes commission.

The measure is stamped with the mark of the politician, and it is the consensus of opinion among all who have read the published synopsis of the bill, to be a well laid plan to perpetuate the very conditions that the people of the territory have been struggling against.

The one office to be filled by the people in the election of a delegate to congress.

The proposed government is practically consigned to the tender mercies of officials in whose selection the people have no voice.

NOBLE WORK

Of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Children's Home Society.

To the People—Friends of Child Saving Work—The Oklahoma and Indian Territory Children's Home society is incorporated under the laws of the territory of Oklahoma, and is auxiliary to the National Children's Home society. The parent society has headquarters in Chicago, and is incorporated.

The work is to seek "homeless," neglected and destitute children and to become their friend and protector.

To find homes for them in well-to-do families and to place them there, wisely, with the least possible delay.

To minister in comforting assurance to parents living in fear of leaving their children penniless and homeless.

To make it possible for many persons without children of their own to adopt, without fear of future interference, a child that may be a blessing to their home.

To protect society by guaranteeing proper home training and education to the unfortunate little ones against its two greatest enemies—ignorance and vice—and thus to improve American citizenship.

We have no orphan's home, nor do we deem such expedient, or necessary to the best interests of the child. Our plan is to avoid grouping children. Truly "there is no place like home." "God setteth the solitary in families." Psalm lxxviii:6.

The results of the work are gratifying to every considerate person who becomes acquainted with them.

Local advisory boards, where ever organized, are doing good work in their guardianship over

the children in their new homes.

The treatment to which most of these little ones is accustomed in their destitution, and which forces so many into shameless and criminal lives, is exchanged for kindly home culture, which develops good men and women; secures to them their individuality, as the institutions cannot give them, and the child has care and protection until grown. For further information write, N. B. Wickham, Superintendent, Guthrie, O. T.

BIXBY STATES

That Work of Dawes Commission Will be Completed in Two Years.

The report of the committee on Indian affairs referring to the proposed reduction of the membership of the Dawes commission from four to three, states that the work of the commission is progressing rapidly, and that Mr. Tams Bixby, acting chairman of the commission, believes that the work can be completed in two years from next July. For the coming fiscal year the appropriation for the commission is \$115,000, as against \$324,000 for the present year.

The appropriation bill provides that heirs of deceased allottees may sell their lands. It also provides that the judge of the United States court for the Indian territory shall reside at Muskogee, and that in addition to the present places of holding court, sessions shall be held at Okmulgee, in the Creek nation, and at Salisaw, in the Cherokee country. The measure also provides that it shall be unlawful for the Indians to deport any person who is in lawful possession of property on any town site in the Indian territory. This section was introduced to put an end to the rejection of citizens who have refused to pay the tribal permit taxes in Indian territory towns.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Committee Under the Re-organization Announced.

The following is a list of the officials and committees under the re-organization of the Commercial club: President, E. N. Ratcliff, Vice-President, W. H. Darrough; Treasurer, W. H. Martin; Secretary, L. F. Parker, Jr.

Board of Directors and Advisory Board—Joseph H. Butler, Oliver Bagby, W. T. Wade, W. B. Baggett, F. B. Jones, J. H. Arter, W. P. Thompson, W. B. Coley, E. C. Stretch, J. T. Ratcliff, L. Bagby.

Finance Committee—Jos. H. Butler, W. T. Wade, E. Walker. Transportation and Rates—J. T. Ratcliff, J. W. Sanders, F. L. Kelley. Immigration and Trade Extension—J. H. Arter, L. K. McEluffe, Wm. Higgins, F. S. E. Amos, H. Lee Clotworthy.

Athletic and Gymnasium (New)—F. B. Jones, C. W. Day, Louis Bagby, H. E. Ridenhour, S. E. Wallen. Roads and Highways—W. T. Wade, B. F. Funk, L. W. Marks, F. G. Cowan, Ed. Shanahan. Entertainment—W. P. Thompson, C. D. Meredith, W. B. Coley. Health—L. Bagby, J. F. Ledbetter, L. F. Parker, Jr.

Fire—W. B. Coley, J. T. Guster, H. E. Ridenhour.

Local Improvements (New)—E. C. Stretch, John Guster, Jos. P. Scott. Canning Factory (Special)—G. W. Miller, W. P. Thompson, D. M. Marra, City Well (special)—L. F. Parker, Jr., Sam R. Frazier, J. M. Darrough, Ed. Lee, S. E. Wallen.

It is desired by the officials of the club, that each committee meet at least once a week to consider any questions within its province.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Gore-McClure Nuptials. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Neville, Friday, J. Jonashan Gore, Jr., and Miss Jennie McClure, were united in marriage by Rev. O. L. Browning. The ceremony was private only a few relatives and friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. Gore will make their home in Vinita.

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